GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BOGUS RATION CARDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any guidelines to the States to take utmostcare in issuing ration cards by involving Panchayati Raj institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the State Governments to these guidelines;

(d) whether it is a fact that detection of bogus ration cards is increasing year after year; and

(e) if so, the number of bogus ration cards detected in different States during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Under TPDS guidelines issued in February 1997 States/UTs have been asked to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the identification of targetted families. States have been instructed to take every care while issuing ration cards against its possible misuse. Guidelines issued for greater involvement of PRIs in functioning of TPDS, issued in June 1999emphasize the role of Gram Panchayat/Gram Sabhas for checking of ration cards for their genuineness.

(d)&(e): As per records available in the Ministry, it is not evident whether there is an increase or decrease in the number of bogus ration cards in circulation. Details of state-wise, number of bogus ration cards is not maintained in the Ministry.